

H.R. 609. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs health care center in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the "Abie Abraham VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 974. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Army nominations beginning with Jeremy D. Karlin and ending with Irahim A. Sanchez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2017.

Navy nomination of Mathew M. Lewis, to be Lieutenant Commander.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 367. A bill to amend section 3606 of title 18, United States Code, to grant probation officers authority to arrest hostile third parties who obstruct or impede a probation officer in the performance of official duties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 368. A bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a scientifically valid and State-supported recovery plan for the Mexican gray wolf; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 369. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 370. A bill to eliminate the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection by repealing title X of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, commonly known as the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. 371. A bill to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 372. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to ensure that merchandise arriving through the mail shall be subject to review by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to require the provision of advance electronic information on shipments of mail to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 373. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on hearing loss, tinnitus, and noise pollution due to small arms fire; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 374. A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 375. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 376. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 377. A bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to clarify report dates, modify the criteria for determinations of whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for elimination of trafficking, and highlight the importance of concrete actions by countries to eliminate trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 378. A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require the maintenance of databases on awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 94

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 94, a bill to impose sanctions in response to cyber intrusions by the Government of the Russian Federation and other aggressive activities of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 203, a bill to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection

Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, and for other purposes.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 234, a bill to provide incentives for businesses to keep jobs in America.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 242, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit veterans to grant access to their records in the databases of the Veterans Benefits Administration to certain designated congressional employees, and for other purposes.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill to provide for a permanent extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals.

S. 247

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 247, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 251

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 251, a bill to repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board in order to ensure that it cannot be used to undermine the Medicare entitlement for beneficiaries.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 253, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 268

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Arkansas